

**Recess:** The House recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 11:26 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4300–01, H4301, H4301–02, H4365, H4365–66, H4366–67, and H4367. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the U.S. Department of Education”. Testimony was heard from Betsy DeVos, Secretary, Department of Education.

### DOE MODERNIZATION: LEGISLATION ADDRESSING DEVELOPMENT, REGULATION, AND COMPETITIVENESS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “DOE Modernization: Legislation Addressing Development, Regulation, and Competitiveness of Advanced Nuclear Energy Technologies”. Testimony was heard from Ed McGinnis, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; Brent Park, Deputy Administrator, Defense Nuclear Proliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### INTERNET OF THINGS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Internet of Things Legislation”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5735, the “Transitional Housing for Recovery in Viable Environments Demonstration Program Act”; H.R. 5793, the “Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act of 2018”; and H.R. 5841, the “Foreign Investment Risk Review Modernization Act of 2018”. H.R. 5841 and H.R. 5735 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5793 was ordered reported, without amendment.

### ADVANCING EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION POLICY WORLDWIDE: SUCCESSES, CHALLENGES, AND NEXT STEPS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Advancing Effective Conservation Policy Worldwide: Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURE; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing and markup on H.R. 4819, the “DELTA Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses. H.R. 4819 was ordered reported, as amended.

### GEOPOLITICS OF U.S. OIL AND GAS COMPETITIVENESS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Geopolitics of U.S. Oil and Gas Competitiveness”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### LEBANON AND IRAQ: AFTER THE ELECTIONS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Lebanon and Iraq: After the Elections”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STOPPING THE DAILY BORDER CARAVAN: TIME TO BUILD A POLICY WALL

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Stopping the Daily Border Caravan: Time to Build a Policy Wall”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Homeland Security officials: Ronald Vitiello, Acting Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Thomas Homan, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Lee Francis Cissna, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*Oversight of the United States Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Patent and Trademark Office”. Testimony was heard from Andrei Iancu, Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Department of Commerce.

### LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 5597, the “Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation Plan Expansion Act,

Washington County, Utah”; H.R. 5751, the “Golden Spike 150th Anniversary Act”; and H.R. 5875, to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act, to provide parity for United States territories and the District of Columbia, to make technical corrections to such Acts and related laws, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, and Representatives Stewart and Bordallo; P. Daniel Smith, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Dean Cox, County Commissioner, Washington County Commission, Utah; José F. Aponte-Hernández, Representative, House of Representatives, Puerto Rico; and public witnesses.

#### **TEN YEARS OF TARP: EXAMINING THE HARDEST HIT FUND**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs; and Subcommittee on Government Operations held a joint hearing entitled “Ten Years of TARP: Examining the Hardest Hit Fund”. Testimony was heard from Christy Goldsmith-Romero, Special Inspector General, Troubled Asset Relief Program, Department of the Treasury; Kipp Kranbuhl, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Small Business, Community Development and Affordable Housing Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, Department of the Treasury; Cathy James, Business Development Manager, Alabama Housing Finance Authority; Scott Farmer, Executive Director, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency; and a public witness.

#### **CHALLENGES TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES: PART II**

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits and Administrative Rules; and Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs held a joint hearing entitled “Challenges to the Freedom of Speech on College Campuses: Part II”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5515, the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” [Amendment Consideration]. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, providing for the further consideration of H.R. 5515 under a structured rule. The rule provides for no additional general debate. In section 2, the rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read,

shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. In section 3, the rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc at any time consisting of amendments printed in the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. In section 4, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 5, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from May 25, 2018, through June 4, 2018: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 6, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 5. Finally, in section 7, the rule provides that each day during the period addressed by section 5 of this resolution shall not constitute a calendar day of continuous session for purposes of section 1017(b) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 688(b)). Testimony was heard from Representatives Jones, Langevin, Panetta, Suozzi, Gallagher, Russell, Wilson of South Carolina, Tenney, McGovern, Hastings, Polis, Torres, Newhouse, Denham, DeSantis, Dunn, Garrett, Gohmert, Griffith, Ferguson, Grothman, Lee, Moore, Pocan, Price of North Carolina, Sablan, and Engel.

#### **EMPOWERING U.S. VETERANS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Empowering U.S. Veterans Through Technology”. Testimony was heard from Dimitri Kusnezov, Chief Scientist, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

#### **FAST ACT IMPLEMENTATION: MOTOR CARRIER PROVISIONS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “FAST Act Implementation: Motor Carrier

Provisions". Testimony was heard from Ray Martinez, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a business meeting to consider a resolution designating subcommittee members. The resolution was agreed to.

### THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE VISN TAKEOVER: ASSESSING VA'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Curious Case of the VISN Takeover: Assessing VA's Governance Structure". Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Executive in Charge, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a public witness.

### ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on CIA held a hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities". This hearing was closed.

## Joint Meetings

### INNOVATION ECONOMY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine breaking through the regulatory barrier, focusing on what red tape means for the innovation economy, after receiving testimony from Scott W. Brinkman, Secretary of Kentucky Governor Bevin's Executive Cabinet, Frankfort; Jessica A. Milano, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Small Business, Community Development, and Housing Policy, and Joseph V. Kennedy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Christopher Koopman, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2019 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2019, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the status of the housing finance system, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office's annual report on additional opportunities to reduce fragmentation, overlap, and duplication in the Federal government, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* business meeting to consider S. 2852, to reauthorize certain programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Emory A. Rounds III, of Maine, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, Kelly Higashi, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Frederick M. Nutt, of Virginia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Britt Cagle Grant, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, Allen Cothrel Winsor, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, Patrick R. Wyrick, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Edward W. Felten, of New Jersey, and Jane Nitze, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and exploited loopholes affecting unaccompanied alien children, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine preventing and treating opioid misuse among older Americans, 2 p.m., SD-562.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on FY 2019 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill; and the Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Regulatory Reform: Unleashing Economic Opportunity for Workers and Employers", 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Examining the Olympic Community's Ability to Protect Athletes from Sexual Abuse", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.